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Press Release

To: All Media Outlets

From: Battalion Chief Scott Purdy

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Re: Structure Fire responses

At approximately 4:30pm City of Waukesha Communications Center received a caller who was driving by Arcadian and Oakland and could see smoke coming from the house on the corner. Fire/Police arrived at 903 Oakland and found moderate smoke coming from the second-floor windows. During the search and fire attack crews located a person inside the building. He was removed from the 2nd floor apartment and transported to Waukesha Memorial Hospital with life threatening injuries.

Additional firefighters on scene were able to quickly bring the fire under control during rescue efforts. Damage is estimated at \$50,000 with the cause still under investigation. No other injuries were reported during firefighting operations.

Waukesha Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining working smoke and CO detectors inside every floor of your home!

Earlier at approximately 8:30am City of Waukesha Fire & Police responded to 629 N Hine for a reported fire. Crews on scene found a small fire inside the 2nd floor bathroom of a single-family residence. They were able to quickly isolate the fire to the area of origin minimizing damage. Damage is estimated at less than \$5,000 and no injuries were reported. The cause is currently being investigated and does not appear suspicious.

Waukesha Fire Department would like to commend the actions of the occupant home at the time of the incident. Realizing what could become catastrophic, they exited the room, closed the door, evacuated the home with the other occupants and contacted emergency services. Their actions saved lives and displayed a high level of maturity for their age. Well Done!!!



